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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicants : Yuan Min WU et al.
Serial No. : 09/083,410
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For : SOLUTION HYBRIDIZATION OF NUCLEIC
ACIDS WITH ANTISENSE PROBES HAVING
MODIFIED BACKBONES
Examiner : Ardin Marschel
Group : 1634

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the July 26, 1999 Office Action, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer and the following remarks.

Please charge the \$55.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) for filing the attached Terminal Disclaimer to our Deposit Account No. 03-0075. Small entity status was established earlier.

Duplicate copies of the Disclaimer and this Request are attached.

Claims 1 and 4 have been provisionally rejected under the obviousness-type double patenting doctrine as being unpatentable over claims 19, 24 and 25 of copending application Serial No. 08/870,370. Claims 2, 3, 5-13, 28 and 30 have been objected to as being dependent upon provisionally rejected base claim 1, but would be allowable if made independent. Claims 14-27, 29 and 31 have been allowed.